GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:995
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2001
CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATION
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Civil Defence Organisation was set up in 1960;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the services of this Organisation are taken during the natural and other calamities;

(d) if so, the total expenditure being incurred by the Government for training and duty allowance of the personnel of this Organisation during the last three years;

(e) whether any proposal is under the consideration of the Government to give permanent employment to the personnel of this organization;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(g) the steps being taken by the Government to make this organisation more healthy in the wake of natural calamities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(g): A statement is enclosed as Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.995, TABLED BY SHRI SUL SALAHUDDIN OWAISI, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

Civil Defence was set up in the year 1962 and subsequently the Civil Defence Legislation was enacted by Parliament in the year 1968. The aims of the Civil Defence are:-

(a) To save life;

(b) To minimize damage to property; and

(c) To maintain continuity of production.

2. Though the Civil Defence Act, 1968 does not specifically include natural and other calamities, Civil Defence volunteers are utilised for relief and rescue operations during natural calamities.

3. The Central Government provided a sum of Rs.5.5 crores each year during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 to the State Governments for training, equipping and raising of Civil Defence Corps. For the utilisation of Civil Defence Corp for natural calamities, responsibility for payment of duty allowance lies with the authority, at whose instance Civil Defence Corps are utilised.

4. Civil Defence is a voluntary Organisation with a nucleus of paid staff appointed by State Governments. The State Governments have already been advised by the Government of India for converting at least a certain percentage of temporary posts in this Organisation into a permanent one.

5. To strengthen the Civil Defence Organisation, the Central Government has taken the following steps :-

i) Civil Defence volunteers/permanent staff of this Organisation are given Disaster Management Training at National Civil Defence College, Nagpur.
ii) States have been advised for revamping of Civil Defence and updating their training institutes.
iii) NCC cadets are given Civil Defence training related to relief and rescue operation.